

WRITER'S INK

August 2006

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomington

AUGUST MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL 61808, (630) 529-3120.

SATURDAY MEETING

August 12, at 9 a.m., in lower level Meeting Room B— **TOPIC: The country is in dire need of another holiday that everyone can celebrate, and the government has given you the task of picking it. What event would you add to the holiday calendar and why.** Sign in and be ready to begin critique by **9:15 a.m.** Everyone arriving after 9:15 a.m.—with something for critique—should sign in on the bottom of the sheet. Their pieces will be critiqued if time allows. Remember that manuscripts are limited to **2 pages**. **Format rules** are minimum **11-pt. font** and **double-spaced** with **one-inch margins on top, bottom and sides**.

WEDNESDAY MEETING

Aug. 23, 7 p.m. in lower level Meeting Room B. This meeting is less structured to facilitate critique of longer manuscripts than those covered at the Saturday meetings.

Merriam-Webster has added nearly 100 new words to the 11th edition of its *Collegiate Dictionary*. Here are a few:

Mouse potato (noun): a person who spends a great deal of time using a computer

Supersize (transitive verb): to increase considerably the size, amount or extent of

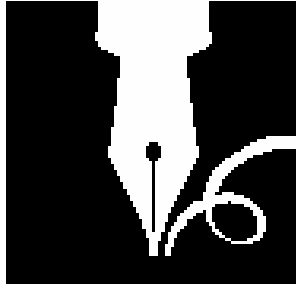
Ringtone (noun): the sound made by a cell phone to signal an incoming call

Drama queen (noun): a person given to often excessively emotional performances or reactions

Unibrow (noun): a single continuous brow resulting from the growing together of eyebrows.

If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Adeline Dobbins



COLUMN TWO

A portion of *Column Two* is reserved for brief announcements and special information members wish to share with others. E-mail either or both to Adeline at akd2820@comcast.net.

GUIDELINES FOR CALENDAR 2007 SUBMISSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AUGUST 12TH MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT ADELINE—email address above.

Q & A

Q. When I grammar-checked the following sentence: "Please note that this account is not registered to you, as the tax identification number on the account and your social security number **are** not an exact match," the grammar check indicated that the sentence should read "**is** not an exact match." Please advise.

A. I advise you to throw out your grammar checker.

Source: *The Chicago Manual of Style 15th Edition*

WRITERS' AFFIRMATIONS

I feel free when I write.

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I am free to write what I please,
in a style that's all my own.

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I have more fresh ideas than I
know what to do with.

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I write with confidence.

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I thoroughly enjoy being a writer.

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Damn, I'm good!